Deblocking of Titles

1305. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 1.80 lakhs titles are blocked and only around 22,000 are registered; and

(b) whether Government are considering any proposal to deblock the titles which are not registered in the interest of registering newspapers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) There were 21,734 newspapers in the country as on 31-12-1984 as against about 1.80 lakh titles registered with the Registrar of Newspapers for India.

(b) No final decision has been taken by the Government as yet on the specific recommendation made by the Second Press Commission on the subject. In the meantime, however, efforts have been made to get some of these titles released with the co-operation of the District Magistrates etc. concerned.

Integrated Development of small and Medium Towns

1306. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have launched a scheme for the integrated development of small and medium towns, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the number of towns in each State which have been covered under the scheme and what is the criteria for selecting towns for the purpose;

(c) what is the assistance given for this purpose;

(d) the number of towns developed under the scheme so far in each state; and

(e) what is the number of towns proposed to be developed under the scheme during the Seventh Five Year Plan each year in each state?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The details of the scheme are given in Annexure I. [*See* Appendix CXXXVI, Annexure No. 17].

(b) A statement is placed below giving the details of towns covered in each state under the scheme.

The main criteria for selecting the towns, is that the population of the town should be below 1 lakh as per the 1971 census for towns covered during the Sixth Five Year Plan and as per the 1981 census for towns covered during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(c) Central Loan Assistance to the tune of Rs. 40 lakhs per town, or 50 per cent of the total cost of the Project whichever is less is given on matching basis. In addition, Rs. 15 lakhs is also made available for low cost sanitation provided the State Government spends Rs 12 lakhs on low cost sanitation schemes in towns where the total Project cost is Rs. 80 lakhs or more.

(d) As in attached statement.

(e) The tentative number of towns to be covered during the Seventh Five Year Plan is 102 as given in the attached Statement.